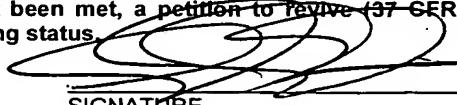


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/550,607
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE2004/000148	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE January 30, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 24, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION DEVICE FOR CONNECTING BUILDING BOARDS, ESPECIALLY FLOOR PANELS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Dr. Thomas GRAFENAUER and Matthias LEWARK		
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).             <p>"Executed"</p> </li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Assignee: <u>KRONOTEC AG, of Luzern, Switzerland</u></li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Figure of Drawing to be published: <u>1</u></li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Cover Letter.</li> </ol>		

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23 <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: Basic national fee.....				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
				\$ 0.00	
24 <input type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)..... All other situations.....				\$ 0.00	
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<b>TOTAL 23, 24 and 25 =</b>				\$ 0.00	
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$130.00	
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Total Claims	20	- 20 = 0	x \$50.00	\$ 0.00	
Independent Claims	1	- 3 = 0	x \$200.00	\$ 0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00	\$ 0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½ .				\$ 0.00	
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<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$130.00</u> to cover the above fees is included.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>19-0089</u>.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p><b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b></p>					
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Sir:

In order to comply with the requirements for the submission of an executed Declaration in the above-identified application, and prior to receipt of the Notification which should set a time limit for submission of materials, and further to the filing of the above-identified application and the filing fee on September 26, 2005, Applicant hereby submits:

- Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- a Preliminary Amendment, and
- a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing of the Declaration.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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